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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant appreciates the continued prosecution of this application and the Supervisor Patent Examiner's recommendations for reopening the prosecution.

An amended set of claims is provided in the current format as required by 37 CFR § 1.121 in an effort to hopefully provide allowable claims.

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